

HB 896 -- MO HealthNet Services

Sponsor: LaFaver

Beginning January 1, 2014, this bill expands MO HealthNet coverage to individuals 19 to 64 years of age who have income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level (FPL) plus 5% of the applicable family size. The reimbursement rate for the expanded population must be comparable to commercial reimbursement payment levels and must account for trend adjustment for comparable services.

Reimbursement rates are to be determined annually by the Department of Social Services and may be developed through a contracted actuary. The higher commercial comparable rates must only apply for services to the expanded population in the bill. If the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, are partially or completely repealed or if the federal funds to support the expansion of MO HealthNet services become insufficient or drop below a 90% reimbursement rate, the provisions of the bill will no longer be in effect.